

Game and Parks and for counties to issue permits if there is a predator problem. So, if there is any problem during this nine day season, it can be readily taken care of with the statutes that we have. I think Senator Cullan was the only vote against these amendments in committee and I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have a motion to amend the committee amendments offered by Senator Reutzel. It really doesn't amend the committee amendments, but what it does is create a new Section 3 in the bill.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: I would...the Chair would. Senator Reutzel is that your amendment?

SENATOR REUTZEL: I would like to withdraw those if I might.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Alright, amendment is withdrawn. So, we will continue then with the committee amendments. Committee amendments. Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I strongly support the committee amendments. Coyote hunting is an important aspect in the State of Nebraska and we do not want to discount this, however, out of the 365 days of the year we are only limiting coyote hunting for 9 days out of 365 and even during those 9 days a farmer or rancher may continue to hunt coyote on his or her own land. If there is a serious emergency, if there is an emergency in that area, the county commissioners may declare that they may go out and hunt coyotes. So, with those protections already built in I feel that the committee amendments should be adopted.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: (no response).

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Alright, the Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I think what we are talking about here is whether we are going to place entertainment, enforcement problems relative to what is essentially recreation and entertainment, the hunting of deer, above problems which many people are experiencing in the agriculture industry with the extreme population of coyotes. I think that due to the fact that a number of chemicals have been taken off of the market, 1080 and another number of chemicals which have resulted in the extreme coyote population in the state that we should not restrict these farmers and ranchers ability to protect their livestock. I do not believe that this amendment is wise, I think that we can...we should not worry about the enforcement problems for...place the enforcement problems for deer above a farmers right to protect his livestock and I think that this is a hindrance to that and I think that we should strike down the committee amendments.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: There is another amendment on the desk. Read the amendment.

CLERK: Read Schmit amendment.